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passionate about the State Fair, not for the past but for the future. I think specifically this body should save institutions within this state that matter, and the State Fair matters. Now is the funding mechanism right? Well, I might argue that, as I've argued before, gambling dollars are an inconsistent means of funding any program or service. And, certainly, the lottery is inconsistent and unpredictable. So, however, it's the mechanism we're talking about now for saving an institution. I propose that it makes some sense and I will support the bill. And I understand that my colleague next to me, Senator Friend, would like some time. So, Mr. President, how much time do I have?

SENATOR VRTISKA: One and a half minutes.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you and I'll yield my time to Senator Friend.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Mines. Members of the Legislature, I don't know this for sure but I understand that Pat Boone and Ann Margaret are in the lobby, and the message is our State Fair is a great state fair. That's it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Friend. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, thank you. Retirement Systems Committee reports LB 1030 to General File, and LB 1097 to General File with amendments, those reports signed by Senator Stuhr. (Legislative Journal page 883.)

Mr. President, a priority motion, Senator Hartnett would move to adjourn until Friday morning, March 5, at 9 o'clock.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Before we have a vote to adjourn, I think that Speaker Bromm would like to make a statement. Speaker Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska, and tomorrow,